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TO AMEMBASSY PORT MORESBY NIACT IMMEDIATE  
CINCPAC HONOLULU HAWAII IMMEDIATE 0559

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SUBJECT: SOLOMON ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE CEREMONY

1. US DEL TO SOLOMON ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE CEREMONY  
WILL BE HEADED BY SENATOR JOHN GLENN AND ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY HOLBROOKE. THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR  
WIVES. IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE SEVEN OTHER DELEGATION  
MEMBERS, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE US MARINE CORPS AND THREE  
STATE DEPARTMENT STAFFERS. FYI: WHITE HOUSE HAS NOT  
YET ANNOUNCED COMPOSITION OF USDEL. FULL LIST WITH NAMES  
WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS CONFIRMED END FYI.

2. CURRENT PLANS ARE FOR A USAF VC-135 TO FLY DIRECTLY  
FROM ANDREWS AFB TO PORT MORESBY, DEPARTING ANDREWS AT  
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0830 JULY 3 AND ARRIVING PORT MORESBY 1955 JULY 4.  
USDEL WILL OVERNIGHT PORT MORESBY. ACTION REQUESTED:  
PLEASE RESERVE TWO DOUBLE AND ELEVEN SINGLE HOTEL ROOMS,  
NOT INCLUDING USAF CREW WHICH WILL MAKE OWN ARRANGEMENTS  
(WHILE IF IT IS STILL UNCLEAR, SENATOR GLENN MAY WANT  
TO LEAVE US EARLIER TO ENABLE HIM TO INCLUDE MORE STOPS  
IN HIS ITINERARY. WE ARE PRESSING FOR FINAL DECISION AND

WILL INFORM YOU ASAP).

3. LT. GENERAL LESLIE E. BROWN MAY REPRESENT US MARINE CORPS AT CEREMONY. THE USMC IS PLANNING TO PRESENT LARGE BRONZE PLAQUE TO "THE PEOPLE OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS" AS AN INDEPENDENCE GIFT. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY'S ADVICE IS REQUESTED AS TO APPROPRIATE TIME AND PLACE AND TO WHOM PLAQUE SHOULD BE PRESENTED.

4. USMC HAS ALSO AUTHORIZED THE AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR TO GEOFFREY KUPER, A SOLOMON ISLANDER WHO WAS A WORLD WAR II COASTWATCHER CREDITED WITH SAVING THE LIVES OF AT LEAST 20 AMERICANS. MRS. KUPER WILL BE GIVEN THE USMC COMMANDANT'S CERTIFICATE. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY SHOULD ATTEMPT TO LOCATE MR. AND MRS. KUPER WHO REPORTEDLY LIVE ON SANTA ANA ISLAND AND ASCERTAIN IF THEY WILL BE TRAVELING TO HONIARA FOR THE INDEPENDENCE CEREMONY. IF SO, THE EMBASSY'S SUGGESTIONS FOR AN APPROPRIATE TIME AND PLACE FOR A CEREMONY WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

5. WE HAVE LISTED JULY 5 GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION, JULY 7 PM KENILOREA RECEPTION AND STATE BALL AS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF US DELEGATION. WE UNDERSTAND, OF COURSE, THAT DUKE AND DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER WILL RECEIVE ONLY HEADS OF DELEGATION ON JULY 5. ACTION REQUESTED: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMBASSY IS ASKED TO CONFIRM THAT THIS DISTINCTION IS CORRECT. EMBASSY IS ALSO REQUESTED TO PROVIDE SUGGESTIONS FOR ALTERNATE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS FOR USDEL, WHERE OFFICIAL CEREMONIES ARE LIMITED. RECREATION AND SIGHTSEEING OPPORTUNITIES TO FILL OUT SCHEDULE IN HONIARA WOULD BE APPRECIATED. IN THIS REGARD, PERHAPS MEETINGS COULD BE ARRANGED WITH PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS AND SOLOMON ISLANDERS WHO SERVED IN WORLD WAR II.

6. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT (A) THE USN FRIGATES WILL BE ANCHORED IN THE HARBOR, NOT AT DOCKSIDE, NECESSITATING USE OF SMALL CRAFT SHUTTLE TO AND FROM DOCK, (B) THAT C.130 WILL BE AVAILABLE ON 5 JULY AND 8 JULY TO TRANSPORT USDEL TO AND FROM HONIARA AND PORT MORESBY AND (C) THAT THE TWO USN FRIGATES WILL ARRIVE HONIARA MID-MORNING OF 5 JULY. ACTION REQUESTED: CINCPAC PLEASE CONFIRM THAT THIS INFORMATION IS CORRECT.

7. ON USDEL SCHEDULE WE HAVE LISTED ONLY TRANSPORTATION FOR USDEL AS ONE-MINIBUS. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY IS ASKED TO DETERMINE IF SEPARATE AUTOMOBILE WOULD BE

AVAILABLE FOR USE OF GLENN AND HOLBROOKE IN ADDITION  
TO VAN. PLEASE ADVISE ON AVAILABILITY OF BAGGAGE TRUCK

FOR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE MOVEMENTS. ALSO, WE WOULD  
APPRECIATE IDEA OF DISTANCES INVOLVED FROM DOCK AND  
MENDANA HOTEL TO CEREMONIES' SITES, SUCH AS GOVERNMENT  
HOUSE, LAWSON TAMA, MARINE DEPARTMENT, AND ROVE. NEWSOM

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